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 This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

- In order to avoid any ambiguity due to 101 issues, claim 1 line 7 should be amended as follows, "obtaining bandwidth utilization information <u>via a processing</u> <u>entity</u>, regarding packets received..."
- In order the make claims 36 and 39 statutory, the claim should be amended as follows. "A <u>non-transitory</u> computer-readable storage medium containing a program..."

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex* parte *Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO**MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER P. GREY whose telephone number is (571)272-3160. The examiner can normally be reached on 10AM-7:30PM.

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